

**Q.1:** Show that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point of the differential equation  $4xy'' + \frac{1}{2}y' + y = 0$ . Find the two indicial roots of the singularity. If they donot differ by an integer, then find two linearly independent series solutions about  $x = 0$  and form the general solution.

**Sol:** Given equation can be written as  $y'' + \frac{1}{8x}y' + \frac{1}{4x}y = 0$ .

So  $P(x) = \frac{1}{8x}$ ,  $Q(x) = \frac{1}{4x} \Rightarrow x = 0$  is a singular point.

Since both  $xP(x) = \frac{1}{8}$  and  $x^2Q(x) = \frac{1}{4}x$  are analytic at  $x = 0$ .

Therefore  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point.

$xP(x) = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{1}{8}$  and  $x^2Q(x) = \frac{1}{4}x \Rightarrow b_0 = 0$ .

The indicial equation is  $r(r - 1) + a_0r + b_0 = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^2 - r + \frac{1}{8}r = 0 \Rightarrow r^2 - \frac{7}{8}r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, \frac{7}{8}$  are the indicial roots.

Now let  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r}$ , then  $y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) c_n x^{n+r-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r)(n+r-1) c_n x^{n+r-2}$

Substituting in given equation, we get

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4(n+r)(n+r-1) c_n x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (n+r) c_n x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) \left[ (4n+4r-4) + \frac{1}{2} \right] c_n x^{n+r-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$x^r \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+r) \left( 4n+4r-4 + \frac{1}{2} \right) c_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \right\} = 0$$

$$x^r \left\{ r(4r - \frac{7}{2})c_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+r) \left( 4n+4r-4 + \frac{1}{2} \right) c_n x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \right\} = 0$$

Substitute  $k = n - 1$  in the first series and  $k = n$  in the second series,

$$x^r \left\{ r(4r - \frac{7}{2})c_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1+r) \left( 4k+4+4r-4 + \frac{1}{2} \right) c_{k+1} x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k x^k \right\} = 0$$

$$x^r \left\{ r(4r - \frac{7}{2})c_0 x^{-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ (k+1+r) \left( 4k+4r + \frac{1}{2} \right) c_{k+1} + c_k \right] x^k \right\} = 0$$

Comparing the coefficients of powers of  $x$  we get

$$r(4r - \frac{7}{2}) = 0 \Rightarrow r = 0, \frac{7}{8} \text{ and } c_{k+1} = -\frac{c_k}{(k+1+r)\left(4k+4r+\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$\text{For } r = 0, c_{k+1} = -\frac{2c_k}{(k+1)(8k+1)}$$

$$k = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{-2}{1}c_0 = -2c_0$$

$$k = 1, \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{2}{2(9)}c_1 = \frac{2}{9}c_0$$

$$k = 2, \Rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{2}{3(17)}c_2 = -\frac{4}{3.9.17}c_0$$

$$\text{For } r = \frac{7}{8}, c_{k+1} = -\frac{c_k}{\left(k+1+\frac{7}{8}\right)\left(4k+\frac{7}{2}+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = -\frac{2c_k}{(8k+15)(k+1)}$$

$$k = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = -\frac{2}{15}c_0$$

$$k = 1, \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{2}{23(2)}c_1 = \frac{2}{15.23}c_0$$

$$k = 2, \Rightarrow c_3 = -\frac{2}{31(3)}c_2 = -\frac{4}{3.15.23.31}c_0$$

$$y = C\left(1 - 2x + \frac{2}{9}x^2 - \frac{4}{3.9.17}x^3 + \dots\right) + Dx^{\frac{7}{8}}\left(1 - \frac{2}{15}x + \frac{2}{15.23}x^2 - \frac{4}{3.15.23.31}x^3 + \dots\right)$$

**Q.2:** Find eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Sol:** The eigenvalues are given by  $|A - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 - \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$(2 - \lambda) \left( (2 - \lambda)^2 - 4 \right) + 5(2 - \lambda) = (2 - \lambda) (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, 2 + i, 2 - i.$$

For  $\lambda = 2$ , solve  $(A - 2I)K = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ and } x = -\frac{4}{5}z$$

So  $K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is the eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda = 2$

For  $\lambda = 2 + i$ , solve the system  $(A - (2 + i)I)K = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -i & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -i & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right] - 5iR_1 + R_2 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -i & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4i & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow x = iy \text{ and } z = -iy$$

So  $K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Similarly for  $\lambda = 2 - i$ ,  $K_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .